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Ababa or Dire Dawa (Ethiopia), and French Somaliland (with connections as required to Kenya, Egypt, the United Kingdom and U.S.A.).

The Indian Airways Ltd. also operated charter flights between India, Aden and Kenya.

SHIPPING

The number of vessels, exclusive of country craft, which entered the port of Aden during 1947 was 2,448 with an aggregate tonnage of 8,937,553. The number of country craft entering the port during 1947 was 2,638 with an aggregate tonnage of 147,577.

The following table shows the number, nationality and tonnage of the vessels which entered the port during the year under review:

Nationality	No.	Tonnage
British	1,417	5,050,683
French	65	214,163
Italian	189	398,248
American	295	1,999,121
Others	612	1,115,338
TOTAL	2,448	8,937,553

POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, ETC.

There are three post offices in the Colony, two in the Protectorate and one in Kamaran. There are 21 postal agencies in the Protectorate, three money-order offices in the Colony, one in the Eastern Aden Protectorate and one in Kamaran.

There is no internal telegraph system conducted by Government. Cable and Wireless (Mid-East) Ltd. maintain a cable station in Aden which provides cable communication to all parts of the world. They also operate a W/T station communicating with Makalla, Seiyun and Kamaran, and also with adjacent countries including French and British Somaliland, Ethiopia, etc.

Number of letters dealt with	2,931,817
Number of telephones	966

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ARCHAEOLOGY

Major Myers, the archaeologist who was appointed in 1946 to survey antiquities in the Colony, left Aden in February, 1947. He intends to publish the results of his work as soon as his material has been fully examined. Since his departure the direction of antiquities has been in

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172. the hands of Mr. C. H. Inge, Political Officer, Aden Protectorate. Accurate copies are being made of the many valuable ancient inscriptions in the Aden Museum and in private hands in the Colony in order that they may be made available to experts and students throughout the world. Ancient sites and monuments are now regularly inspected by an Anti-Quities Guard and this has resulted in two prosecutions of persons accused of stealing materials from public monuments.

BRITISH COUNCIL

This was the first year in which it was possible to start planning on a peace-time basis, though modified to some extent by the prevailing financial stringency. The resident representative lecturer arrived from England to assume duty on 24th June, 1946.

The civil disturbances in Aden during December, 1946, inevitably caused some check to British Council activities, although fortunately they occasioned no serious set-back.

The transfer of the Library to suitable and capacious quarters on the ground floor of the British Council building was an immense improvement. The whole premises were thoroughly overhauled and redecorated during the quiet period in the hot weather. The Institute still feels the lack of a hall to accommodate fifty or more persons conveniently, and where stage performances, etc., could be held in the cool season.

During the period under review the Council maintained 12 scholars from Aden Colony and Protectorate for training as teachers at educational establishments in the Sudan.

English classes in the Women's Section made progress. Owing to the riots, the Council had an interrupted session, yet regular attendances improved.

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POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS

205 There are three post offices in the Colony, two in the Eastern Aden
204 Protectorate and one at Kamaran. There are 11 postal agencies in the Eastern Aden Protectorate. Money-order business is transacted at the three post offices in the Colony, at one in the Protectorate and at the post office at Kamaran. Communication with all parts of the world by air mail is maintained through the airline services of the British Overseas Airways Corporation. Air mail is also carried to Ethiopia by Ethiopian Airlines. Automatic telephone service is available at Aden and Sheikh Othman.

Telegraphic communication with all parts of the world is maintained by Cable & Wireless (M.E.) Ltd. from cable stations in Aden and Perim. Cable & Wireless (M.E.) Ltd. also maintain a wireless telegraph station in Aden for communication internally with Mukalla and Kamaran, and externally with British and French Somaliland, Ethiopia, etc.

Number of letters dealt with	3,439,782
Number of telephones	1,059
Number of broadcasting stations	1
Number of wireless receiving licences	511
Number of radio diffusion subscribers	Nil

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ARCHAEOLOGY

172 No archaeological excavation was carried out in either the Colony or the Protectorate during the year. A number of inscriptions, both in private hands in the Colony and in sites in the Beihan area of the Western Aden Protectorate, were copied, and some of them will be published in 1949.

BRITISH COUNCIL

658 The Memorandum defining the aims and work of the British Council in the Colonies was received in September. The British Council is enjoined "to seek to stimulate and foster an interest in British culture by creating opportunities for those who are capable of pursuing such an interest to meet for courses of study, formal or informal discussions, lectures, dramatic performances, play readings, music, film shows and exhibitions of works of art, etc.," and further "to seek to encourage in this atmosphere the fullest possible intermingling of races".

The British Council had to withdraw from the teaching of English and Arabic in both the British Institutes (for men and for women). The School Certificate class also had to be given up. As from the beginning of April, the twelve scholars who had been sent to the Sudan to be trained as teachers, and the cost of whose travel to and from and maintenance in the Sudan had previously been defrayed by the British Council, were taken over by the Aden Government Department of Education.

1948 was not, however, entirely a year of retrenchment. Extra-mural

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647 tion of newsreels to commercial cinemas and the supply of periodicals
204 and official pictorial matter to institutions and interested persons in the
546 Colony and Protectorate. In addition, regular showings were given to the public and to clubs of news and documentary films in English and Arabic, an activity later brought within the sphere of the Labour and Welfare Department.

368 Three public reading rooms were maintained in the Protectorate and have continued to be well patronised.

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ARCHAEOLOGY

172 In 1950 and 1951 the American Foundation for the Study of Man carried out two short seasons of excavation in Bolhan under the archaeological supervision of Professor W. F. Albright. The main site examined, that of Hagr Kohlan, was already known from inscriptions, to be the ruins of Timna, the capital of the ancient kingdom of Qataban. The area of the walled city covered some 70 acres and excavation revealed a number of very substantial and well constructed stone buildings. The city appeared to have been totally destroyed by fire about the end of the 1st Century B.C. A section cut in a subsidiary mound produced a long series of pottery types thought to show more or less continuous occupation from the 13th Century B.C. down to the Middle Ages. A large number of inscriptions found in both sites and elsewhere in Wadi Bolhan are in course of being published by Dr. A. Jamme of Louvain.

ARCHIVAL SURVEY

217 In October, 1952, Dr. A. Toussaint, the Chief Archivist to the Government of Mauritius, arrived to conduct a preliminary survey of Government archives and records. Though the survey was not complete at the end of the year it was clear that substantial progress in the method of preserving and cataloguing the records of the Colony would call for greatly improved storage facilities and expert staff.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

368 Adult education in Aden has not reached a stage where cultural activities flourish spontaneously; nor, since the closing down of the British Council, is there any cultural centre outside the Department of Education. The nearest approach to such a centre and in itself a legacy of the British Council is the Lake Library.

This library has been built up over a period of twelve years and now contains 10,000 volumes; these include Arabic and Urdu books and a reference library. The reading room, which is provided with a wide selection of periodicals and is comfortably furnished, is extremely popular in the evening. The library has a large and growing membership of Europeans who are quick to appreciate its worth. The Arab